

BY: Senator KENNEDY

HONORING Raziya Hill upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Daniel Acker Community Service Award by the Buffalo Branch NAACP

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Raziya Hill upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Daniel Acker Community Service Award by the Buffalo Branch NAACP, to be celebrated on Saturday, June 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Raziya Hill is a former volunteer with Buffalo Prep and believes nonprofit organizations should address unmet needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, With a sincere passion for alleviating financial hardships experienced by families, Raziya Hill founded and is currently the Executive Director of the first of its kind diaper bank in Buffalo, New York, called Every Bottom Covered; and

WHEREAS, Modelled after the Western New York Food Bank, Every Bottom Covered was created in April of 2016, and operates out of the Delavan Grider Community Center; this vital organization provides diapers and wipes on a monthly basis at no cost to low-income families in the Western New York area; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Every Bottom Covered is to ensure families have an adequate supply of diapers for their infants and toddlers; to raise community awareness that basic human needs include diapers and baby related products and these needs are not being met for children living in poverty; and to advocate for policy reform to ensure diapers and baby related products are included in the definition of and provision for the basic human needs of families; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Raziya Hill, Every Bottom Covered has enrolled over 850 children since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the organization has partnered with HOPE Buffalo to increase teen volunteerism and Buffalo Public Schools' Office of Parent and Family Engagement to provide supplies to participants of their parent workshops; and

WHEREAS, When this extraordinary woman is not working on behalf of Every Bottom Covered, she works as a Customer Due Diligence Analyst at HSBC Bank and spends time with her son, Ahmir; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Raziya Hill has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Raziya Hill, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Raziya Hill upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Daniel Acker Community Service Award by the Buffalo Branch NAACP; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Raziya Hill.